

MINUTES OF THE  
WORK SESSION OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON  
September 17, 2007

The City Council of the City of Burlington held a regularly scheduled work session at the David L. Maynard, Sr., Aquatic Center on September 17, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmembers present: Mayor Ross, Councilmembers Jones, Huffman Starling and Wall

Councilmembers absent: None

Harold Owen, City Manager, present

Robert M. Ward, City Attorney, present

Jondeen D. Terry, City Clerk, present

Other Staff Present: Tony Laws, Mary Pollok, Lisa Walker, Tim Johnson, Lisa Wolff, Bob Harkrader, Daniel Shoffner, Linda Hollifield and John Nixon

Others Present: Don Bolden, Mike Zimmerman-Alamance Kennel Club, Bonnie Hutchinson-Living Space Landscaping

Media Present: Tomas Murawski, Alamance News, and Micah Flores, Times-News

A) Historical Recognition - Burlington Industries, Pioneer Plant Site

Mr. Don Bolden requested that the Burlington House Fabrics facility be recognized with an iron marker as a memorial site for textiles. He said that Burlington Industries is the largest textile maker in the world and that it began in Burlington in 1923. He said that a private group would pay for the marker but that maybe some funds could come from the public sector. Mr. Bolden told the Council that his request was unanimously approved by the Historic Preservation Commission.

Mr. Daniel Shoffner explained that surrounding towns and communities had erected similar markers and that the cost would be approximately \$1,500 to \$1,700.

Mr. Owen asked Mr. Shoffner to draft a written policy for future requests. Mr. Owen said that he would work on the funding for this marker.

**B) Alamance Kennel Club - Dog Park**

Recreation and Parks Direction Tony Laws introduced Mr. Mike Zimmerman, Vice President, Alamance Kennel Club. Mr. Laws said that the proposed site for the dog park was 1.26 acres and was the site of the former City Park pool. There would be an additional 1.2 acres left open on the YMCA side. He pointed out that there would be only one access and that it would be on Overbrook.

Mr. Overman described a dog park as an enclosed area where dogs can exercise off the leash. He explained that there was a need because the City already has a significant presence of dogs in our parks. Many dogs leave behind their waste that impacts other users of the parks, causes clean-up concerns and some of the waste washes into our streams. A dog park offers a confined area for dogs where waste stations are available and owners are required to pick up after their dogs. The Alamance Kennel Club is paying all of the cost of developing the dog park. The City will not have to use tax funds for the park. The Recreation and Parks Department staff will provide some in-kind service for landscaping and a water line. The Kennel Club will also support the upkeep of the park with an annual donation.

Mr. Zimmerman explained that the park would provide socialization for dogs which decreases the bite problem and that dogs bark less.

Mr. Laws said that the request was coming to the City Council with a unanimous recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Commission.

There was discussion that covered liability issues. And Councilmember Jones pointed out the need for clean-up stations in the parks.

The consensus was to set a date of public hearing for November 6, 2007, to receive input from the public.

C) Voluntary Water Restrictions

Mr. Owen distributed a letter from Governor Michael Easley requesting cooperation from local governments to conserve water due to the severe drought conditions. Mr. Owen asked the City Council to consider imposing water conservation measures. It was also suggested to reduce the amount of water sold to the City of Greensboro by 15%. Public Information Officer John Nixon distributed a handout listing ways to reduce the waste of water.

The consensus was to add the water conservation measures to the September 18, 2007, City Council consent agenda.

D) Aquatic Center - Construction of New Pool Cover - (Tent)

Parks and Facilities Supervisor Mary Pollock and Assistant Aquatics Director Lisa Walker described the new structure that covers the pool area.

Mr. Owen commented that the project was completed under budget.

E) Questions Concerning City Council Agenda

There were no questions concerning the agenda.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.

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Jondeen D. Terry, City Clerk

